

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office action dated June 29, 2005.

I. Introduction

Claims 22 and 27 have been amended. Claims 23, 31 and 42 have been canceled in the current amendment. Claims 12-14, 41 and 43-50 were previously canceled without prejudice to expedite issuance of this application. Accordingly, claims 1-11, 15-22, 24-30 and 32-40 are now pending.

In the June 29 Office Action the Examiner allowed claims 1-11, 15-21, 25 and 26. In addition the Examiner objected to claims 23, 31-34 and 42 but indicated that these claims were directed to allowable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 22, 24, 27-30 and 35-40 in view of the applied references for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

Applicants reviewed the Examiner's statements regarding allowable subject matter and have amended the independent claims so that each independent claim now includes subject matter which Applicants believe the Examiner found to be allowable. Accordingly, as will be discussed below, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

II. All of the Pending Claims Are Allowable**1. Claims 1-11 and 15-21 Stand Allowed**

Claims 1-11 and 15-21 stand allowed.

2. Claims 22 and 24 Are Allowable

In the Office action the Examiner indicated that claim 23 was directed to allowable subject matter. Independent claim 22 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 23. Claim 23 has been canceled.

Accordingly, claim 22 and claim 24 which depends there from is now in condition for allowance.

3. Claims 25 and 26 Are Allowable

Independent claims 25 and 26 have been rewritten to include features which are similar to the features of claim 14 (which were added to amended claim 1) that the Examiner found to be allowable.

Accordingly, while original claim 14 was directed to a method, and claim 25 is directed to a digital storage medium and claim 26 is directed to a system, it is believed that these claims are allowable for similar reasons to the reasons the Examiner found claim 14 to be allowable.

4. Claims 27-30 and 32-37 Are Allowable

Claim 31 was indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 27 was been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 31. Claim 31 has been canceled.

Accordingly, claim 27 along with claims 28-30 and 32-37 which depend therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

5. Claims 38-40 Are Allowable

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that claim 42 was directed to allowable subject matter. Independent claim 38 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 42 and claim 42 has been canceled. Accordingly, claim 38 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 39-40 depend from claim 38 and are therefore allowable for the same reasons claim 42 was found to be allowable.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any outstanding issues that need to be resolved to place the application in condition for allowance the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by

telephone so that any outstanding issues can be discussed and hopefully resolved in a prompt and efficient manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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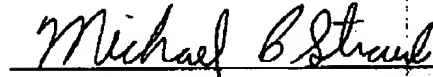
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